

What is claimed is:

1. A flexible support system for seatbelts on a vehicle, the system cooperating with a lap-belt and a chest strap seat belt of the vehicle to restrain a person or child on the vehicle's seat, the vehicles' seat having a seat-back, the system comprising:

a flexible, generally rectangular sheet having an upper surface, a lower surface, an upper edge, a lower edge and a mid-section between the upper edge and the lower edge;

at least one shoulder-belt extending from the rectangular sheet, the shoulder-belt having a loop adapted for encircling and retaining the chest strap;

a pair of sleeves having an aperture therethrough, the sleeves extending from the rectangular sheet at a location between the mid-portion and the upper edge, the aperture in the sleeves being adapted for accepting the lap-belt, said sleeves being padded to create a cushion across the user's waist when the lap-belt is extended through the sleeves and fastened across the user's waist, and so that the person is held against the rectangular sheet by the shoulder-belt and the lap-belt.

2. A system according to claim 1 wherein said sleeves are padded to create a cushion across the user's waist when the lap-

belt is extended through the sleeves and fastened across the user's waist.

3. A flexible support system for seatbelts on a vehicle, the system cooperating with a lap-belt and a chest strap seat belt of the vehicle to restrain a person or child on the vehicle's seat, the vehicles' seat having a seat-back, the system comprising:

A flexible, generally rectangular sheet;

At least two shoulder-belts extending from the rectangular sheet, the shoulder-belts having a first end that extends from the rectangular sheet, and a second end, the shoulder-belt having a loop near its first end, the loop being adapted for encircling and retaining the chest strap, the second end of the shoulder-belts being adapted for attachment to the lap-belt, so that the shoulder belt will extend from the rectangular sheet to the lap-belt;

a pair of sleeves having an aperture therethrough, the sleeves extending from the rectangular sheet at a location between the mid-portion and the upper edge, the aperture in the sleeves being adapted for accepting the lap-belt, said sleeves being padded to create a cushion across the user's waist when the lap-belt is extended through the sleeves and fastened across the user's waist, and so that the person is held against the rectangular sheet by the shoulder-belt and the lap-belt.

4. A method for restraining a person while seating in a vehicle

seat, the seat having horizontal seating surface for the person and a seat-back, the vehicle having a lap-belt and a chest strap seat belt of the vehicle to restrain a person or child on the vehicle's seat, the method comprising:

- providing a flexible sheet of material;

- the sheet of material having at least one shoulder-belt extending from the sheet of material, the shoulder-belt having a loop adapted for encircling and retaining the chest strap;

- the sheet of material further having a pair of sleeves having an aperture therethrough, the sleeves extending from the rectangular sheet at a location between the mid-portion and the upper edge, the aperture in the sleeves being adapted for accepting the lap-belt, said sleeves being padded to create a cushion across the user's waist when the lap-belt is extended through the sleeves and fastened across the user's waist;

- supporting the sheet of material from the seat;

- attaching the chest strap to the shoulder-belt by extending the chest strap through the loop in the shoulder belt; and

- extending the lap-belt through the sleeves, so that the person is held against the rectangular sheet by the chest strap and the lap-belt.